



**Hopi Education Endowment Fund**

April 7, 2010

Chairman Julius Genachowski  
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker  
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn  
Commissioner Michael J. Copps  
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell

Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**RE: In the Matter of Preserving the Open Internet (GN Docket No. 09-191) and Broadband Industry Practices (WC Docket No. 07-52)**

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

As a member of the Arizona Board of Regents that provides leadership to our three state universities and as the Executive Director of the Hopi Education Endowment Fund since 2002, I thank you for the National Broadband Plan released last month which certainly holds a great deal of promise for American Indian communities. I write today to ask that you continue to take into account the views and interests of Tribal lands as roll-out of the technology blueprint continues.

No doubt, the creation of a Tribal Broadband Fund will go a long ways toward increasing adoption among our communities, and I commend you for the attention given to addressing Tribal needs. As awareness of the plan's numerous proposals grows, I am certain that Native Americans throughout the country will eagerly await implementation. Already, there's a palpable sense of anticipation and excitement, especially among our communities. Like other underserved groups, we are anxious to experience the benefits of greater digital literacy in so many aspects of our lives.

In addition to applauding the apparent urgency perceived in implementation of the plan, I also write to strongly encourage you to carefully approach the issue of network neutrality. Moving beyond the existing and effective Four Principles causes some concern, as we anticipate that restrictive and, as I contend, unnecessary guidelines will risk delaying new private investment in underserved areas such as ours. We appreciate your leadership on this very critical policy debate and request you continue to diligently seek an appropriate balance that will not adversely affect those absolutely necessary resources.

Thank you for your attention and consideration of my perspective; I look forward to working with you as you move forward in this process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "LuAnn Leonard". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

LuAnn Leonard, Executive Director  
Hopi Education Endowment Fund/  
Regent, Arizona Board of Regents